

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Jason Crow  
United States House of Representatives  
1229 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Crow:

The Board of Douglas County Commissioners writes to express their support for Douglas County Human Services in their application to receive FY2022 Member Directed Community Project Funding from Representative Crow for the Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-term Success (GOALS) Program.


GOALS is a community supportive onsite living program that helps stabilize families experiencing homelessness, empowering them to move from poverty and homelessness by focusing on services and opportunities that address all needs of all family members. The funding will be used to provide rehabilitation and construction to an existing unused building on the Arapahoe County GOALS Campus for Douglas County residents.

The Douglas County community is committed to building a continuum of services that meet the needs for those residents that are currently in jeopardy of or are experiencing homelessness. The GOALS Program would serve as the highest level in the continuum, offering families help to move them towards self-sufficiency. This level of programming to address homelessness does not currently exist within Douglas County. The GOALS Program will be a great solution to provide meaningful long-term services and support to assist homeless families in achieving stability.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Douglas County Community Project Funding Request**

Dear Representative Crow,

Arapahoe County's Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-term Success (GOALS) Program is an innovative program that moves families from poverty and homelessness to economic security and stable permanent housing using an integrated two-generational (2-Gen) approach.

In partnership with Family Tree, the Arapahoe County Department of Human Services and many other key partners have provided bridge housing and wrap-around supportive services in a campus environment. Families are provided a safe, private space to live for four to nine months, and one-year of follow-up support.

Arapahoe County supports efforts that help Family Tree secure financial support to expand the GOALS campus and support the needs of families experiencing homelessness. Please reach out with questions.

Sincerely,  
ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Commissioner Nancy Jackson  
Chair, Board of County Commissioners



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Representative Crow  
Community Grant Application Committee

Dear Representative Crow,

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center is a member of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's statewide network of workforce centers, which provide a variety of no-cost services to job seekers and businesses. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! serves as a critical resource to connect people and businesses in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, and throughout the Denver/Aurora metropolitan region.

The workforce center offers an array of tools to support local job-seekers, including offering resources and workshops for a self-directed job search, one-on-one employment counseling, and training assistance. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! offers free workforce development services to businesses in the metro Denver area, to ensure that the region remains economically competitive and boasts an adequately skilled workforce for the future.

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! provides support to more than 35,000 job seekers throughout a year within our region. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will work with Douglas County Human Services to provide employment and training services to Douglas County families at the GOALS campus as needed to support the county's long-term goals.

Sincerely,

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Dear Representative Crow:

On behalf of Family Tree, Inc. (Family Tree) I am pleased to provide you with this letter of support for Douglas County Human Services as well as a broad coalition of partner agencies on their collaboration to develop a project providing model shelter, housing, and support services for families experiencing homelessness from Douglas County, Colorado. More specifically, this letter is in support of Douglas County Human Services' application for FY 2022 Community Project Funding.

Family Tree and Douglas County Human Services work closely in several capacities and we recognize the need for emergency shelter, housing and supportive services far outweighs the current resources available. This collaborative project is designed to augment and support a strong regional approach to address the very challenging issue of homelessness in our community, in partnership with other area community programs to ensure all client needs are met.

Obtaining funds through the Community Project Funding will provide much needed financial support to meet both the ongoing needs of families currently experiencing homelessness as well as the increased demand for supportive services within Douglas County and the metro region. This funding opportunity will allow the collaboration between Douglas County Human Services, Family Tree and other agencies to continue providing support services and emergency shelter and housing to positively impact the community.

Family Tree offers full support for Douglas County Human Services in their application for Community Project Funding Support to assist their thoughtful and committed collaboration to reduce the number of families experiencing homelessness in Douglas County.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request for funding.

Respectfully,

Scott Shields  
Chief Executive Officer  
Family Tree, Inc.



## Developmental Pathways

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Dear Representative Crow & Members of the Appropriations Committee,

As the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Developmental Pathways, I am writing this letter of support for the funding and expansion of the Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-term Success (GOALS) Program in Douglas County.

Developmental Pathways is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency serving individuals with developmental disabilities/delays and their families. We are also one of Colorado's Community Centered Boards (CCB), connecting people to federal, state, county, and private funding in Arapahoe County, Douglas County, and the City of Aurora. We passionately believe inclusion is for everyone and offer services through Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver programs, locally funded programs, and partnerships with other community organizations.

The GOALS program is an important community resource that helps families in jeopardy of or currently experiencing homelessness. This funding request will expand this program in Douglas County. As opposed to temporary solutions like hotel vouchers, the GOALS program seeks to stabilize and connect families to resources for long-term support. There is significant data in Colorado and across the country that shows people experiencing homelessness may also be impacted by mental health concerns and/or a disability. As a result, programs like GOALS empower families with a continuum of care, such as:

- **Access to housing which improves health outcomes, both physical and mental.** This includes supporting the family in a non-institutionalized setting that is both family-centered and more cost-effective for taxpayers.
- **Employment supports that may help an individual find and keep a job.** Employment support is a vital lifeline for people with disabilities as they may need more support in obtaining and retaining a job. Job coaches may be available through federal, state, or local dollars to help support that individual find competitive and integrated employment.
- **Affordable childcare and access to early childhood education.** This includes access to Early Intervention or other federal, state, and locally funded programs that agencies like Developmental Pathways provide.
- **Mental health supports and community resources for the whole family.** This may include parenting classes, help to navigate entitlement programs, and other resources that many residents may not know about or how to access.





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By addressing housing needs first, programs like GOALS help families stay together. This improves the well-being of children, youth, and their parents. Programs like GOALS also strengthen our community through inclusion and access. On behalf of Developmental Pathways, I hope you will consider funding the request for \$1 Million to expand access to this critical program in Douglas County.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer  
Developmental Pathways

